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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



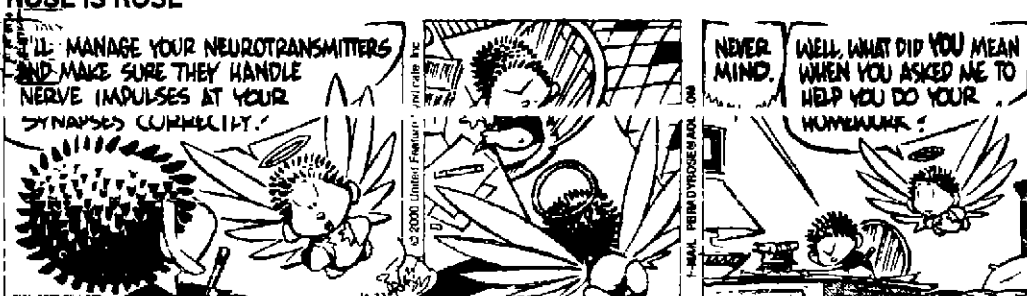
CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



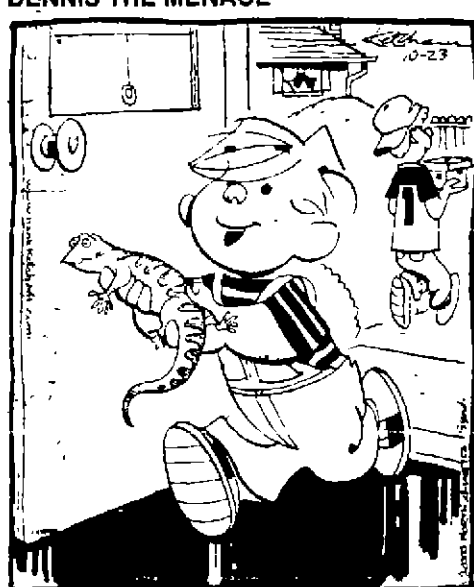
MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson is 75. Zydeco singer-musician Boozoo Chavis is 70. Movie director Philip Kaufman is 64. Soccer great Pete is 60. Author Michael Crichton is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Barbara Ann Hawkins is 57. Actor Michael Rupert is 49. Country singer Dwight Yoakam is 44. Parodist "Weird Al" Yankovic is 41.

I NEED HELP



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Y	T	T	P	C	S	I	4th Letter Triple
A	E	I	M	D	M	R	3rd Letter Triple
E	N	L	A	P	H	H	3rd Letter Triple
O	T	S	H	G	A	E	3rd Letter Triple

PAR SCORE 140-150 by JUDD

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" tiles used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, Merriam-Webster and OGSN Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 10-23-00 ©2000 United Feature Syndicate Inc.

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

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WORD SLEUTH

PROS

V K H E B Y P W T R O L J G E
B Y W U R P R N K I G D B Z X
V S Q O N M O M E K I G D E E
C A Y W U O F M A T S Q E N G
P N P R O L I F E R A T E A O
L I R H F A L T M B G B C F L
E C O A L Y E X A A O O O O
V U B C S Q P N M B O R R R R
P R O T O N E R U C O R P P P
K R W J H L O C O T O R P P E
P C L B Z T C A R T O R P Y X

Saturday's unused clue: UMBRELLA

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unused clue hint: A SIDE VIEW

Pre Bowl	Probe	Profane	Protocol
Pre-am	Proced	Program	Proton
Probate	Proclaim	Proliferate	Protract
Probation	Procure	Prolog	

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HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try not to let yourself be so easily irritated.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are filled with a sense of well-being and fulfillment.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Someone close to you might make a casual remark that wounds you deeply.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Doing something fresh and unexpected adds a whole new shade to your mood spectrum.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You're feeling a bit poor and regret past financial moves.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) An old friend might suddenly pop into your mind, perhaps after you have a nostalgic dream.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't spend too much time looking into mirrors, they are not your friends right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your intellectual and emotional powers are equally strong and are working in tandem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your strong opinions might cause resentment all around.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You feel particularly competent in all areas of life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) While others stall on decisions and projects, you forge ahead courageously, impressing everyone.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You might want to analyze everything that comes into your path.

ACES

By Bobby Wolf

West leads the spade seven to East's 10, and South ducks. East returns the jack and South ducks again, discarding a club from dummy. East persists with his spade queen, and South wins his ace, dummy discarding another club. Now it is South's turn. Which red suit should South play first? If he plays diamonds first, the 4-2 break defeats the game. South can win only eight tricks on the run. And when he leads a club, East wins his ace and claims one down. When one is faced with a choice of cashing suits of equal length, the general rule is to cash the solid suit first. What happens when South runs four solid heart winners? Nothing good for East. East must find three discards on the hearts. The first two are easy; he throws his low club and a low spade. But what about the third discard? If he discards a diamond, South's diamonds will run. If he discards another spade, East can win only three spade tricks, making it safe for South to establish his club winners. Technically, South squeezed East in spades and diamonds. However, average players need remember only one rule: With equal length in two suits, cash the solid suit before testing the porous one.

NORTH 10-25-A
 ♠ 8
 ♥ A Q J 7
 ♦ K Q 8 4
 ♣ K 9 6 2

WEST
 ♠ 7 2
 ♥ 5 6 4 3 2
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ 10 8 5 3

EAST
 ♠ K Q J 10 5 3
 ♥ 10 9 7
 ♦ A 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A 9 8 4
 ♥ K 10 5
 ♦ A 6 3
 ♣ Q J 7

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: North

The bidding
 North East South West
 1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 NT Pass
 3 ♥ Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade seven

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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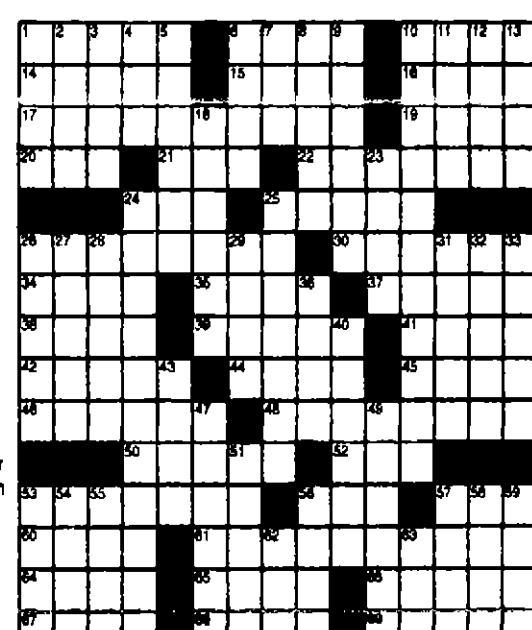
- King with a golden touch
- Ones wearing knickers
- Lion's antithesis
- Sports venue
- Mideast-based grp.
- Say for sure
- Not the sailing sort
- Quick snack
- Big bang maker
- Mine extraction
- Steamroll
- Access the Internet, with "on"
- Postpone
- Amtrak employee
- Made a movie
- Kitchen or den
- Car until 1957
- The "L" in AWOL
- Spanish museum work
- Squirrels' homes
- Div's song
- Put on a happy face
- Confident
- Obsolent phone feature
- "What's ___ you?"
- Drill instructor, usually
- They "just want to have fun" in a 1984 song
- Ruin
- "The Satanic Verses" author
- Office seeker, informally
- Wide of the mark
- "L" c'est moi! - Louis XIV
- Don Juan, e.g.
- Cook's seasoning
- Scientologist - Hubbard
- "The Magic Flute," e.g.
- In that place, to a whaler
- Hangup
- Mary Poppins, e.g.

DOWN

- Drive-in order
- Big rug exporter
- Bumper blemish
- What's more
- Place with swinging doors
- Rounded part
- N.Y.P.D. alert
- Mower maker
- Back of the neck
- Samuel Gompers, e.g.
- Tel. ___ Israel
- Dish (out)
- ___ Fox
- FedEx notation
- Moon man Armstrong
- Stage star
- "The Cat in the Hat" writer
- Clean a blackboard
- Acres Shearer
- Cry after a catch

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

STOP	SKIFF	OBIS
NOVA	ENNUI	NAME
OREL	DIONT	SLAY
BORICACIO	GADGE	
SANKA	BILGEEN	
CANAL	KNITTER	
ASIDE	NANNY	DET
MAGENTA	GASMASK	
EPH	DICER	YASTE
TRUCKLE	ASHES	
CAMELS	EDITS	
OMAHA	RAISECAIN	
LIRA	PANEL	URGE
ONES	ATONE	LEOS
NOSH	PARTY	TART



Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

40 Cider unit

51 Live's companion

53 Downtime

54 Four Corners state

55 Sweeping story

56 Engine knock

57 Dutch cooker

58 Forest plant

59 Skirmish

62 ___ fault (overmuch)

63 ___ Locke, Fla.

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